GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:8
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NEW HISTORY SYLLABUS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has finalised and released new history syllabus as per guidelines issued by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of changes made in the earlier syllabus;

(c) whether the new syllabus has reduced the burden on students upto Class X;

(d) if so, the extent thereof;

(e) whether this new syllabus has been opposed, particularly by the historians;

(f) if so, the factual position in this regard and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.8 BY S/SHRI Y.S. VIVEKANAND REDDY AND SURESH KURUP DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2002 REGARDING NEW HISTORY SYLLABUS

(a) to (g): Central Government has not issued any guidelines to NCERT. The new syllabus has beendeveloped in accordance with the recommendations contained in 1988 NCERT `National Curriculum Framework` and reiterated in 2000 to teach Social Sciences as an integral subject upto Class-X and not as separate subjects of History, Geography, Civics, Economics in Classes IX and X. It attempts to rationalise the contents in accordance with the recommendations of Yash Pal Committee Report (1992) to reduce curriculum load.

Some historians have reacted through media and organisations like SAHMAT. These are apparently basedon ideological considerations.